Vacation Judge.

407. *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know from the Government whether there are any cases filed before the Vacation Judge of the Honourable High Court remaining without being forwarded to the appropriate courts for trial?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate-General*): No

Muslim Munsiffs and Government pleaders.

408. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of Munsiffs;
(*b*) the number of Muslims among them;
(*c*) the number of Government pleaders, and
(*d*) the number of Muslims among them?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) 48.
(*b*) 1
(*c*) 17*
(*d*) Nil.

*This includes the Legal Remembrancer also.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: Was there any application from any qualified Muslim candidate for the post of Goverment Pleaders?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: There are applications pending before me for the post.

Recruitment of District and Sessions Judges.

409. *MR. D. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state if there is a rule that 50 per cent. of the appointments as District and Second Judges should be made from members of the Bar?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The direct recruitment of members of the Bar as District Judges is not resorted to except under special circumstances, vide Rule 315, 2 (a) of the new Civil Courts Guide. The recruitment of Second Judges from the service and the Bar is in the ratio of 1:1 (Rule 315, 2 (b) of the Civil Courts Guide).

Munsiff's Court, Vaikom.

410. *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of files that were pending till the end of 1119 in the Vaikom Munsiff's Court; and
(*b*) the number of files sent over from Shertalai Munsiff's Court to Vaikom Munsiff's Court in the year 1120?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:
(*a*) 830 Original suits and 132 Small Cause suits.
(*b*) 365 Original suits and 41 Small Cause suits.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know the reason for the inordinate delay in disposing of the cases—is it due to the large number of the cases?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Yes, Sir; action is being taken promptly to give a Munsiff's Court for Vaikom.

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